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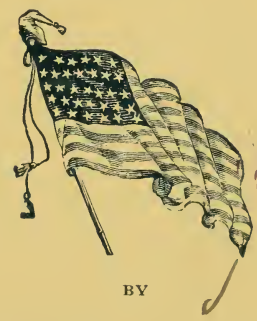

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Sung by Mrs. Grace E. Dodge on the occasion of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Raising of the American Flag over the State of California, at Monterey, July 7th, 1896.

To the Patriotic Children of the Public Schools of Monterey, California, this Song is Respectfully Dedicated.

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The Flag That Stirs Our Souls.

I.

I stood 'neath Columbia's dome,
That crowns a structure grand,
In a nation ruled by liberty,
Such a patriot loving land;
" I listened the grandest strain,
Mine ear had ever heard,"
Enraptured, thrilled, inspired I was,
My patriot soul was stirred.
I looked on a banner fair,
My heart was in its fold,
I heard the chimes of liberty,
An anthem, grand and bold,
And then there burst a cheer
That through the nation rolls,
It was a cheer for the old flag,
The flag that stirs our souls.

II.

That flag we will never forsake,
That flag with its record so dear,
I think of the deeds that honor its name,
And of our sons—strangers to fear.
I look through the years of the past,
On scenes with their splendor bright,
On battles won—by the old flag,
Oh, that banner of the right.
In grandeur sights we may see
But never shall there wave
A flag that thrills us o'er like this,
Like this so grandly brave.
The mem'ry of that flag so dear,
O'er land and ocean rolls,
Long wave the flag of liberty,
The flag that stirs our souls.

CHORUS.

Oh, flag—dear old flag.
We'll wave it high on land and sea
The flag that stirs our souls.

NOTE.—This song should be sung to the air of "The Song That Reached My Heart." The author has quoted some from that song.

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